

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Locals Make List

Five full-time students from Brunswick County earned 4.0 grade point averages for a spot on the president's list at Cape Fear Community College for the fall quarter of 1991.

They are Ruby S. Casanova, Winnabow; David L. Childers, Sherri Potter and Oscar R. Watts Jr., all of Leland; and Michael P. Henderson, Yaupon Beach.

Attaining the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.5 or better were these students: Charles A. Brown and Scott A. Maultsby, Bolivia; Victoria K. Lee, Long Beach; Kenneth R. Mahaney, Southport; and Gregory W. Burton, Angela D. Butler, Belinda J. Child, Renee D. Galya, Mitch R. Lanier, Linda G. Maultsby, Ronald E. Mintz and Monica U. Ohl, all of Leland.

On ASU's List
Two Brunswick County students qualified for the fall semester dean's list at Appalachian State University at Boone.

Students must attain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 hours of academic credit to qualify for the honor.

Listed are Mary Conner McCumby, a junior risk and insurance major from Sunset Beach; and Mary Ann McLamb, a senior from Shallotte majoring in biology, pre-professional and paramedical.

Completes Basic
U.S. Navy Seaman Michael E. Thornton of Route 5, Leland, recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

A 1991 graduate of North Brunswick High School, he joined the Navy Reserves in September 1991.

NCSU Graduates

Six students from Brunswick County were awarded bachelor's degrees in fall commencement exer-

cises Dec. 18 at North Carolina Carolina State University in Raleigh.

They are as follows: Shannon Crainshaw, Leland, double major in biological sciences and science education; John D. Lennon, son of Brenda J. Lennon, Leland, chemistry; Karen Margaret Miller, daughter of Margaret S. Dockal, Sunset Beach, education-general studies; John William Doshier Jr., son of John and Joan Doshier, Southport, economics; Carolyn Gore Hankins, Southport, health occupations teacher education; and Chantal A. Wall, Southport, pre-dentistry/pre-medical studies.

Airman Graduates

Airman Donna J. Watts was graduated from U.S. Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

She is the daughter of Gene and Jeanette Watts of Boiling Spring Lakes.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

To Play Kennedy Center

Bernard Hampton Flythe of Southport, a music major at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, will perform Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., in the UNCG Wind Ensemble's concert debut there.

He is the son of William and Beatrice Flythe. A senior at UNCG, Flythe plays the tuba.

In the center's Concert Hall at 8:30 p.m., the Wind Ensemble will present, donned in period band costumes, a "Tribute to John Philip Sousa".

Elections Board Dismisses Complaint

BY TERRY POPE

A candidate who lost her seat on the Doshier Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees in November has also lost her bid for a new election.

The Brunswick County Board of Elections Monday dismissed a complaint filed by Evelyn "Teal" Butler, who claims the makeup of the Nov. 5 ballot was irregular and may have affected the outcome of the race.

An incumbent, Ms. Butler lost her seat on the board. She filed notice that she would protest the election before the final results were in.

Monday's action means newcomer Gib Barbee will win a seat along with Eugene B. Tomlinson Jr. and incumbent Chairman Charles B. Johnson. Tomlinson, who was chosen by Brunswick County Commissioners to replace Doug Ledgett, was the only candidate to file for an unexpired four-year term on the board. His race was separated on the ballot from one involving four candidates vying for two six-year seats.

Ms. Butler's attorney, Robert Serra, claims the races had never been separated on the ballot be-

fore and that it gave an unfair advantage to Tomlinson. Ms. Butler was not at Monday's meeting, and Serra said he did not know if she would want to appeal the board's ruling to the State Board of Elections.

By law, an appeal must be received by the elections board within 24 hours after it has handed down a written decision on a complaint. However, because the office will be closed Dec. 24 through 26, the board voted unanimously to give Serra until 11 a.m. Friday to file an appeal.

A copy of any appeal must also be forwarded by the complainant to the state office within five days of the local board's decision.

The decision approved Monday contains 42 findings of fact and a conclusion of law that states the complaint is dismissed "because there is not substantial evidence of a violation of the election law or other irregularity or misconduct".

Elections Board Attorney David Clegg said the Nov. 5 ballot was printed in accordance with the guidelines set under state law.

The facts were approved by the board, with Chairman Glenda Walker adding, "I find them all to be true, to the best that I can determine."

She offered to open the elections office on Tuesday, Christmas Eve, so Serra could file an appeal on time if he wished to do so. But Serra said he did not know if he could reach Ms. Butler by then.

Monday's findings indicate that a 1985 ballot for the trustee board contained an unexpired term but was not separated on the ballot. The form for that ballot, the findings state, "was inconsistent with the provisions" of the state statutes.

Clegg said he received a notice in 1987 from the State Attorney General's office that recommends candidates for unexpired terms be separated on the ballot from candidates seeking full terms.

Sample ballots for the Nov. 5 election were available at the elections office, but no one inspected them, the board findings state.

Also, it said newspaper reports of the election were inconsistent. The Brunswick Beacon was the only local newspaper that correctly reported Tomlinson was running for an unexpired term and that his race would be separated on the ballot from the race for two six-year terms.

County Losing Job Tax Credit Status

Brunswick County is no longer eligible for income tax credits for new or expanding employers, according to the N.C. Dept. of Economic and Community Development.

However, as one of 50 "most distressed" counties in the state, Brunswick County remains eligible to participate in the Industrial Building Renovation Fund program during 1992.

According to Thomas A. Monks, executive director of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County, businesses planning to move into the county or to expand an existing industry within Brunswick County must act quickly to lock in job tax credits for an additional 24 months.

They must submit a letter of com-

mitment to the RDC office no later than Dec. 31 to reserve the credits.

Monks recommends that if a firm or a firm's client is considering a decision relating to the creation of jobs, that decision include the factors relating to job tax credits.

Brunswick County was taken off the state's list this week of "severely distressed" counties eligible for the program. The designation of "severely distressed" counties is made each December, based on a process that involves a 36-month ranking of two distress factors: per capita income and unemployment.

New jobs created in "severely distressed" counties can result in a tax credit for each job created. The credit, available to both existing and new industry, is taken over a four-

year period in amounts not larger than 50 percent of a firm's North Carolina income taxes after the deduction of all other tax credits.

Generally, the tax credit is computed at the rate of \$2,800 for each new job created over the threshold of nine; jobs can be counted toward earning tax credits if each job results in 1,600 hours of work per year, the job is intended to be held by one employee the entire year and if the employee is a resident of the county or performs 50 percent of his duties in the county.

Information on how employers with existing operations or new employers qualify for the job tax credits is available from Monks or from the state department's Commerce Finance Center in Raleigh.

Eligible For Fund
Continuing eligibility for the Fund means manufacturing firms in Brunswick County can utilize financing opportunities of the Fund where new jobs are added.

Program funds to renovate existing industrial buildings or for directly related infrastructure are obtained through a local government unit—county or municipality.

The maximum amount of financing available is \$1,200 for each job created up to \$250,000 or the cost of renovation, whichever is less.

More information on both programs is available from the North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development Commerce Finance Center, 1-919-733-5297.

County Recorded 444 Deeds During November

The Brunswick County Register of Deeds office recorded 444 deeds during November, according to its monthly report, for which it collected \$3,742 in revenues.

Total departmental revenue was \$47,189.75 in November, or about \$3,000 less than the \$51,500.25 which was collected in October.

The sum included 298 deeds of trust, \$3,920; 44 plats, \$890; 93 financing statements, \$744; 252 cancellations of deeds of trust, \$1,292; 21 marriage licenses, \$840; excise tax of \$30,480; and miscellaneous and other services, \$5,281.

The office remitted \$10,476.15 to the Department of Revenue as the net proceeds from county real estate excise taxes of \$30,480.

Of the \$840 collected for marriage fees, \$420 was remitted to the

Department of Administration and \$105 to the State Treasurer.

Expenses incurred in November (excluding salaries) were supplemental retirement, \$981; telephone charges, \$387; postage fees, \$437; departmental supplies, \$2,486; service maintenance contracts, \$864; equipment repairs, \$2,060; contracted services, \$383; dues and subscriptions, \$129; insurance and bonds, \$100; and capital outlay—data, \$6,745.

The office paid \$924 in travel and training, which included \$256 for three people to attend Register of Deeds certification school, \$630 for five people to attend Register of Deeds education school, and \$38 for Advisory Board travel.

A fee of \$175 was paid for per diem charges of the Advisory Board.

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